CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM? RELEASE AS SANITIZED ROCCES

19 January 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DULLES:

Briefly, the attached material describes the operation and successes of P.B. History which was the propaganda exploitation of Communist documents captured as the result of the overthrow of Arbenz in Guatemala.

Based upon a previously aggreed to joint action plan, a team of 8 CIA, 3 State Dept and 1 USIA members worked with the CIA subsidized Comite de Defensa Nacional contra el Communismo of Guatemala. Documents were seized, sorted and exploited locally and internationally through various channels and media as quickly and as effectively as possible. Conservative estimates are that the team reviewed a total of 500,000 documents. This excludes duplications, battered and illegible material, books, magazines, pamphlets, etc. Of this overall total, 50,000 documents were microfilmed, 2095 were autostated and 300 miscellaneous papers forwarded to interested agencies in Washington.

Very few of the documents discovered were of the hot, top level, damaging type which might have been successfully exploited on an international basis. Hence, most exploitation was local and in other Central and South American countries where the impact and results noted were excellent. It is concluded that while there were not many sensational exploitations, the many propaganda releases locally and in the U.S., the commencing of the basic training of the Comite's personnel, the outlining and government acceptance of a permanent Guatemalan Intelligence Service, and the obtaining of valuable research material, all combined to make PB History a successful project.

I have all of the material referred to in case you wish to look at it.

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11 January 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH:

Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT:

PBHISTORY

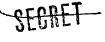
REFERENCE:

Transmittal memo dated 29 October 1954, to DD/P,

with attached Final Summary Report of PBHISTORY

Project

- The following brief summary of the attached PBHISTORY report was prepared for your information.
- 2. After the downfall of the Arbenz regime in Guatemala, all possible efforts were made to exploit, as rapidly as possible, the documents left by the fleeing Communist leaders. Speed was vitally important from the propaganda viewpoint, because of the perishability of the documents, particularly since they were in world news competition. In addition, many of the documents were of a purely local nature and the only chance to secure rapid publication was to utilize the widest number of publication outlets as soon as possible. This approach precluded the idea of compiling the documents in a booklet, such as the slim grey book. Unfortunately, the documents themselves were of such topical nature and, in the main, of such low-level intelligence and propaganda interest, that they did not lend themselves to an impressive bound volume.
- 3. The preparation of such a booklet, considered to be of interest primarily to United States Government sources, would have necessitated long translation and publication delays and, in view of the extensive publicity on the matter created by the Kersten Committee -- whose representatives relied heavily on PBHISTORY for documents and advice -- the time and cost were considered excessive. Also, from the inception of the project, the Department of State was delegated the task of preparing scholarly research type volumes; hence, no thought was given, by this Agency, to duplicating their effort. The Department did produce "Intervention of International Communism in Guatemala" attached. This booklet did not include PBHISTORY documents as such although, undoubtedly, they were consulted in its preparation.



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It is felt that the most effective possible use was made of the PBHISTORY documents, as indicated in the attached final summary report of the subject project. CIA on a regular basis has continued to emphasize through KUGOWN operations appropriate aspects of the Guatemalan revolution. The most recent operations in this sense are the Cruz Wer and upcoming Rosenberg trials in Mexico and the flight of Arbenz to Switzerland.

Attachments

DD/P 1-3124

AUDADO FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DEPUTY DIRECTOR, (PLANS)

DATE: 29 Oct 1954

FROM : AC/WH

SUBJECT: PBHISTORY

Attached is the final summary report of subject project in which, because of your participation, you may be interested.



FINAL SUMMARY REPORT

OF

PBHISTORY PROJECT

I. BACKGROUND

Immediately following the downfall of the Communist-dominated Arbenz regime in Guatemala, this Agency dispatched on 4 July 1954 a special twoman Commie expert team to investigate the possibility of exploiting documents which were left by the fleeing Communist leaders. Their recommendations (Attachment A), presented in Washington on 20 July 1954, resulted in the sending of a joint agency team to Guatemala which was headed by a CIA official and which was composed of CIA, State and USIA members. On 4 August 1954, after a series of conferences, a joint action plan (Attachment B) was agreed upon by all agencies and a team, composed of 8 CIA members, 3 State members and 1 USIA representative departed for Guatemala. Prior to the team's arrival in Guatemala, arrangements had been made between the CIA representative and President CASTILLO, with the Ambassador's concurrence, to give the team full cooperation in coordination with the Guatemalan counterpart, the Comite de Defensa Nacional contra el Comunismo, which is subsidized by CTA: The team would operate overtly in Guatemala -but without publicity, as research specialists and would be known as the Social Research Group.

II. OBJECTIVES.

General

The primary PBHISTORY goal was to immediately exploit the documents gathered by the Guatemalan Comite for intelligence and propaganda purposes. Also, the PBHISTORY team was to initiate a records and files procedure for the Comite to serve as the basis for its new Intelligence Service.

III. OPERATIONS.

General.

a. Upon arriving in Guatemala the team discovered that the Guatemalan government had just completed organizing their Comite, composed of 25 officials and administrative assistants, and had assigned to them





the task of assisting the U.S. team in exploiting the documents and of giving administrative assistance when needed. The team chairman, under State cover, immediately contacted President CASTILLO who offered the fullest high level government support to the joint Comite-team project. With this beginning, the Research Group turned to the task of physically sorting the assembled masses of documents, papers, magazines, newspapers and books. When the project was finished it was conservatively estimated that more than 500,000 documents, not including several hundred thousand duplicate copies and illegible or semi-destroyed papers and masses of Communist propaganda, books and leaflets had been reviewed. Of this material, 2095 documents were considered to be of sufficient importance to warrant autostating; 50,000 more documents of secondary importance were microfilmed; small numbers of original documents, most of them duplicates, were forwarded for technical study or as propaganda samples.

While the documents were being studied in Guatemala, CIA members of the team were assisting the Guatemalan Comite in developing a basic file and records system which would serve them once their organization was formally organized. Also, the PBHISTORY chairman, in collaboration with the Station chief and the Comite leaders, developed the organizational framework for the new Guatemalan Intelligence Service. It was expected that the Comite would evolve as the new Service since the idea for a new anti-Communist organization had been supported and desired by CASTILLO.

Propaganda. PBHISTORY, after initiating its analysis work, immediately began the propaganda exploitation of documents which would graphically iuncloake former leaders as Communists and expose the extent to which the Communists had controlled the Arbenz government. The principal channels through which these documents were released were the Comite leaders themselves, the Government Press Ministry, the local USIA officer and propaganda outlets as arranged by Headquarters. During the entire project there was a steady stream of documents which found good play in the local press. (See Attachment C) Less international play was received due to the local interest of many of the documents. In addition to the use of documents themselves, a newsreel was made of the documents at the Comite headquarters. This documentary short played in movie houses throughout the country to obviously responsive audiences. A two-man team, armed with a good share of FBHISTORY documents, was sent on a propaganda mission to principal countries of Latin America to show the end result of what Communism means even in Latin America. Also, special documents were taken to the Ambassador in Honduras for use there. Documents were furnished to Representative HILLINGS, Chairman of the Latin American Sub-Committee of the House Committee on Communist Aggression, headed by Senator KERSTEN, while Representative HILLINGS was in Guatemala. Also, the PBHISTORY chairman assisted in providing Representative HILLINGS with reliable, and qualified anti-Communist Guatemalans to testify before his Committee in Washington. He recommended that President CASTILLO make a tape recording of his anti-Communist activities instead of sending to Washington a less effective written statement. In Washington PBHISTORY documents were distributed as follows: 64 to Senator KERSTEN; 21 to Ambassador LODGE; 32 to the FBI; 2,031 autostat copies, 50,000 microfilm documents and 531 original documents to the State Department; and 1,657 autostat copies, 50,000 microfilm documents and 192 original documents to USIA. Copies of pertinent articles, photos and documents were sent out to WH field stations. (For complete details of the propaganda operations see Attachment D, prepared by LANGEVIN, FP Case Officer.)

- Intelligence. To assist in developing an entirely new Service for future intelligence activities, the PBHISTORY chairman, in collaboration with the Station chief, who had previously offered guidance along these lines, developed an organizational outline and an operations charter for the Guatemalan Comite. (Attachments E and F.) During the PBHISTORY project, the Comite was unable to form an operational arm which was capable of exploiting the few leads which were developed from the documents. This was due to lack of sincere CASTILLO support of the Comite. It is believed that CASTILLO, during the formative days of his government, did not have fullest confidence in the Comite and that he relied for intelligence mainly on a number of dubious volunteer and spot-payment informants. The Comite did instigate personal searches of the Communist asylees as they departed from Guatemala but few revealing documents or papers were found, although a goodly number of travel documents, useful for CIA, were picked up. Without authority to arrest or to conduct house searches, the Comite was severely hampered and limited in obtaining leads for additional documents. Items of possible current intelligence value which were forwarded from the field to Washington were given to the interested desks, staffs, or special study sections. Copies of documents, where appropriate, were forwarded to other government agencies, other than those associated with PBHISTORY. Provisions were made to carefully record and file material not adapted for immediate exploitation.
- RI Work. The task of physically organizing the Comite documents was delegated to the RI members of the team who, within a short time, had set up a system whereby the unsorted mountains of paper were given a preliminary sort, analyzed and, according to their importance, either destroyed or copies for PBHISTORY use and given to the Comite. After a two-week period a selected number of Guatemalans, supervised by PBHISTORY members, were capable of performing the preliminary sort, leaving the majority of the PBHISTORY team free for analysis and copying work. Once the analysis team swung into full work, it was necessary to call for a twoman microfilm team to photograph many valuable research documents. Once this sorting and analysis work was fully under way, considerable attention was given to the Comite archive section. Full instructions on how to card and file, carried out on a daily basis, were given. Close supervision was given to procedure detail to assure that the system would be retained after the departure of the majority of PBHISTORY personnel. In a special session PBHISTORY leaders were given a full briefing on archive procedure by For full details see Attachment G(prepared by

RI CMAA Officer).

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e. Personnel. The CIA personnel assigned to this project were all familiar with the area and were bilingual. Other members of the team, from State and USIA, were similarly qualified. Although policy matters with the Guatemalan leaders were handled by the team chairman, all members of the team worked closely with the Guatemalan Comite personnel. Language facility and general professional ability on the part of the U.S. team created a friendly and favorable impression with the Guatemalans, who were quite receptive to the criticisms and suggestions as offered by team members. This cooperative spirit on the working level greatly aided in the rapid and successful termination of the project.

Communications. Because of the highly topical nature of the project's material and necessity of obtaining rapid response for operational matters, station cable facilities were utilized to a great extent. This method allowed for rapid exchange of information which was essential in such matters as the document preparation for Senator KERSTEN and Ambassador LODGE.

Equipment. Due to delays in shipment of correct photographic supplies, there was an initial delay in the flow of documents to Washington. Once this situation was corrected, a steady stream of autostated and microfilmed material was delivered within the minimum time limit.

Finances. The sum of which was allotted to the project proved to be more than adequate for the two months operation.

TV. RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

General

- a. The low percentage of valuable documents precluded any large scale intelligence operation since few leads were obtained. However, the development of a new Guatemalan intelligence service, if followed up by CIA, will undoubtedly give this organization a valuable long term asset.
- b. Propaganda. The unusually cooperative press in Guatemala and the efforts of the Ministry of Propaganda, plus the aid of the local USIA representative, enabled PBHISTONY to saturate the Guatemalans with the idea that the Comite had confirmed what had been denied by the pro-Communists that the ARBENZ government was dominated and controlled by Communists and that, at last, ARBENZ himself was completely identified with the Reds. Also, the Comite was left with a mantle of respectability, as differing with the low talent reputation of the local police. Internationally, the job was more difficult since few top secret documents were found, few stories were worthy of honest world news coverage.

- c. Intelligence. Because of the vacillating political situation, the Comite was never given the full green light by CASTILLO to go ahead with their operations arm umtil the latter part of September. Although this had the serious disadvamtage of not exploiting the departure of the asylees, it did have the advantage of not permitting a group of untrained, unrestricted officials from initiating operational activities which might have easily backfired and greatly depreciated the reputation of the Comite during its infancy. The Comite leaders were, and still are, unusually receptive to suggestions made for their future organization.
- d. RI. Although the most basic system has been given and explained to the Comite for their records control, one RI representative has been assigned to actually work in the archive section during the period 1-30 October.
- e. Liaison. The liaison aspects of the PBHISTORY project were generally quite favorable. Relations with the Guatemalan Comite, both leaders and employees, were excellent. It should be noted that the members of the Documents Committee were notably successful in creating and maintaining correct and friendly relations.

A successful working relationship was developed with the Minister of Propaganda, who proved helpful in distributing propaganda material to the local and international press.

With members of other Government agencies, it is to be noted that the State members on the team were helpful and cooperative. Only a minimum of contact was made with State officials in their local establishment, after the initial introduction and approval from Ambassador PEURIFOY. In regard to the assistance from USIA, the local officer on many occasions proved a good source of support and advice on a number of propaganda matters.

The Station chief and other station personnel were extremely cooperative and, aside from important administrative assistance, aided greatly in maintaining good relations with Comite leaders and other officials close to CASTILLO.

f. Attachment H contains a report on the PBHISTORY material reviewed. All material autostated has been classified according to the nature of the documents.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS.

- a. In any other future operation similar to PBSUCCESS, provisions should be made so that an organized document team, reinforced with strong police and army elements can enter into the area where vital documents might be found. An even better solution would be to have selected two-man units inside the target area attempt to get the documents during the confusions of any last ditch fighting.
- b. Any propaganda exploitation of documents should be accomplished as soon as possible after the downfall of the defeated Communist government to take fullest advantage of world press play. PBHISTORY entered into the field too late to capitalize on the world press, and for the most part had to be satisfied with local or limited international play.
- c. Certain captured documents, however, which do not yield themselves to immediate exploitation, should be withheld to give the propaganda play a chance to extend over a period of several weeks and to provide various choice sources with "exclusives" which aid in furthering the project's propaganda assets.
- d. It is imperative that CTA send soonest to Guatemala an experienced case officer with Station cover to continue to press home the official constitution of the Comite and to give basic training to their intelligence officer candidates. CASTILLO has already mentioned to the PBHISTORY chairman that he would like to send a selected group of Comite trainees to Washington for training with the FBI. It behooves CIA to have the trained case officer available to forestall such a training program as envisaged by CASTILLO.
- e. CIA should designate a bilingual RI representative to assist the Comite archive section for a 60-day period beginning 1 November 1954, to assure that the basic card and filing system recently introduced is carried out as projected. Without this additional training it is quite doubtful that an efficient Intelligence Service can be developed since all of its administrative staff lack totally in proper records technique.

VI. SUMMARY

In the future, any inter-agency documents task force will have the benefit of traveling a more defined path of operation. In the case of PBHISTORY or any similar project, the real success of immediate Propaganda-Intelligence exploitation depends upon hot, top level, damaging documents. PBHISTORY uncovered few of these. The mystery still exists why the Communists did not

burn or destroy more documents than they did. Although no traces were found of correspondence on such matters as the Alfelm/Polish shipment of arms and correspondence between agent contacts in other countries, PBHISTORY has furnished a wealth of material taken from the all-powerful Communist labor, youth or political groups. Researchers will have obvious answers to the Communist takeover, the extent of its domination and downfall in Guatemala.

The experience of three different: agencies working in the field under one agency head proved to be quite workable since the principle of cooperation as to mutual information priorities had been carefully worked out before the team was dispatched to the field.

The cover problem was minimized by the fact that no Guatemalans, with the exception of Comite members, were allowed into the interior of the Comite's working area. Also, special security arrangements were made so that the majority of the team entered and departed via a rear Comite entrance only once a day.

Although bulk of the PBHISTORY material did not provide for many senational exploitations; the many propaganda releases both locally and in the United States; the commencing of the basic training of the Comite's personnel; the outlining and government acceptance of a permanent Guatemalan Intelligence Service; and the obtaining of large amounts of valuable research material; all resulted in making PBHISTORY a successful project.



Attachments:

- A. Report of Burke and Metzl from Guatemala
- B. Basic PBHISTORY Plan
- C. Clipping Books
- D. Details Propaganda Operation of PBHISTORY
- E. Organization Charter prepared for Comite by PBHISTORY
- F. Organization Charts prepared for Comite by PBHISTORY
- G. Details RI Phase of PBHISTORY
- H. Categorical Breakdown PBHISTORY Photostat
 Material forwarded to Headquarters

attachment A

APPENDIX A

Recommendations of 5 July 1954 to COS for Ambessador

1. Energetic anti-communist action is needed urgently and is sorely lacking:



- a. Communist Party men continue to hold the government positions they held under Arbens, e.g., Inspectores del Trabajo and of the DAN, etc.
- b. Generalists who took acylum in Embassies have left those Embassies and returned to active life in the city, some under assumed names.
- c. The frentiers are open and the escape of communists is not blocked.
- d. Men responsible for the torture and murder of anti-communist under Arbens have not been arrested even though their identities are known. It is reported that a Col. Prera of the Guardia Civil blocked these arrests.
- e. The CGTG is still active. The closing of its central office is not enough to curb the activities of its communist leaders and communist members who are accustomed to claudestine activity.
- 2. The Junta should designate and fully empower a man with whom we can deal in the elimination of communists from all positions of influence in Guatemalan government and society; in their arrest, detention and interrogation; in the estimate and study of key documents in the communist complicacy; and in the effective denial of the claim of communists to the right of asylum and salvo conducto:
- 3 There is urgest need for:
 - a. A central repository of information on the Communist Party, its members, fronts and related groups.
 - b. A secure, capable, energetic, anti-subversive squad in the Guardia Civil

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c. A therough check of all:

- 1) Offices (headquarters) (national, regional, municipal, etc.) of the CP, the CGTG, the peasant federation, all communist fronts;
- 2) Government offices dominated or strongly influenced by communists;
- 3) The homes and offices of all leading CP members, and of all their relatives and friends where they may have cached documents.

in order to be sure that the Junta has in its possession all important documents and records which will

- 1) Clearly evidence the foreign direction of the communist
- 2) Specifically identify not only all leading foreign and local communists involved but all CP members and collaborators, so that they can be rendered ineffectual and can be prevented from making a renewed bid for power.

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implications which can be utilized by friendly, neighboring, anti-communist governments or team intelligence or propaganda exploitation.

Procedure: Action will be initiated moment to ascertain the availability of the documents to the PRINTONY team and what the restrictions, attitudes of the current Gualemalan Government will be immediate requests will be made for the Gualemalan Ocvernment to provide clerical personnel who will made for the Gualemalan Ocvernment to provide clerical personnel who will made for the Gualemalan Ocvernment to provide clerical personnel who will be needed to assist in the immediate and monumental task of preliminary physical sorting.

Once it is ascertained that fullest support is assured by the Cuatemalan Government and the sorting has progressed to the point where analysis is possible, all US task force personnel will commence their scanning activities. From this point on, the highest degree of cooperation will be needed, since the priorities of the groups involved will vary and overlap.

Another factor to be considered in the use of the documents has been the time factor, as opposed to operational needs. The PRHISTORY chairs will addesvor to strike as fair a balance as is possible between these two factors. He has no preconceived intentions to particularly favor either the propaganda or the operational aspect.

For immediate document exploitation by the agencies represented, use will be made of autostat photographic equipment. Microfilm equipment will be used with those documents which lend themselves to mass reproduction. It is considered this process will be used primarily to supply a permanent record of name lists, bound volumes of official correspondence, or a series of chronological papers. RI has been requested to furnish personnel capable of handling this task. They have agreed pending approval C/FI.

Work on the project is to commence with the arrival of the personnel to be indicated in a following paragraph. Pending final project and State Department documentation, PBHISTORY personnel are prepared to leave o/a l August. Travel orders are currently being readied and State Department was advised on 28 July of the CIA personnel who would be leaving.

At the end of each week a progress summary report will be submitted to Headquarters. It is not contemplated devoting any of this short period to detailed progress or operational reports since a minimum of secretarial help is planned. It is believed that time is of the easence. Frequent use of cable facilities for operational queries is expected. Interested Headquarters staff members will be encouraged to visit the field unit, particularly if complicated or long and involved problems arise which sight unnecessarily hold back the work of the field analysts. These visits could be constructive since additional requests and information priorities could be modified.

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At the end of the second month the chairman and various other project personnel will be replaced. A complete summary of progress to date will be written and a recommended modification of the PRHISTORY structure as it is to continue will be suggested.

The attached administrative plan is based on the consideration that the team in itself will be self sufficient. It is felt that best relations can be maintained from an administrative viewpoint with both the Embessy and our station if only emergency calls are for their support and assistance. Therefore from both a personnel and equipment

standpoint the group as planned is thought to be complete enough to accomplish its task without interrupting and overburdening the operational or administrative activities of the Embassy or our station.

SERVARY: Without the full support of the Guatemalan Townment this project will be faced with long "Manana" type of delays. Also it must be realized the Guatemalans themselves will be faced with marious molitical pressures which will cause them to exploit the documents in manner which our team may consider inept or disastrous, from either an operational or propagands viewpoint. Readquarters must be prepared for such eventualities. The chairman has already warned the State and USIA representatives of this possibility. The reported value of the documents is not being underestimated, however, it is reasonable to suppose that a large percentage of the material is valueless. Every effort will be made to achieve the most rapid exploitation — keeping in balance the operational-propaganda assects.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT PLAN

Joint Cha-State-USIA Teem

- I. The CIA team will consist of the following:
 - A. Field Team
 - 1 Chief of Team
 - 2 FI Officers
 - 1 PP Officer
 - 2 Micro-photographers
 - 1 RI Analyst
 - 1 Reports-Administrative
 - 1 Secretary
 - 9 (Sub-total)
 - B. Headquarters Support
 - 1 FI or PP Officer
 - 1 Secretary-Administrative
 - 11 Total

(Headquarters Personnel to be assigned Guatemals Desk, Franch III, NH Division)

II. Satimated costs of Operations for three months:

Salaries (average OS-11)

Overtime (average \$1.60 per hr. 20 hrs. per week per individual)

Rental of two automobiles including gas, oil and maintenance-245.00 per week per vehicle

Travel and Per Diem

Two Auto-Stat machines and Supplies (reproduction)

One portable misrofilm Model "R" and supplies

Two Dictaphone machines complete

Local procurement office supplies

Office furniture (if not available locally from US Covernment installation)

Patiented costs of Operational expenditures as distinguished from Administrative expenditures which includes purchase or procurement of documents from Oovernment and non-Covernment a ources.

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The Delegations of authority

- A. The Chief of CIA team is designated as the Disbursing and Accountable Officer for all CIA funds expended in the Field.
- B. The Chief Minist., W. Division, is designated as the Dishursing and Accountable Officer for all extenditures at Readquarters in support of the team.
- C. Any additional funds required over and above those approved herein will be first approved in writing by the BB/P or COP.

IV. Funda for use of Gia team in the Field:

The sum authorized herein for Operational expenditures in the Field will be advanced to the Chief of Station, Guatemala, to be made available to Chief of CIA term. The Station will maintain separate account for these funds, and the Chief of CIA term will submit repeipts and/or decuments to support his amenditures through the Chief of Station to Headquarters.

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- a. To indicate to the people of duatemala the cut his of Communist penetration through the publication and diagrams tion of documents uncovered by the Figure 1 deciments.
- b. To publicize the above intermationally, one entropy the throughout Latin America.
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II. Operations

- people of Guatemala, the extent to which to while its, or people of Guatemala, the extent to which to while a people of exploise and had reached in the Republic. Photostatic copies of exploise able documents, sifted by members of the team, were sent to all newspapers. In some instances there were individual documents to be published with only a caption; in obsert, there were series of autostated papers on weigh oditors to be able to a lengthy article.
 - The initial press release from the Comite exclaimed its origin, its functions, and its objectives (see Market) a series of photographs taken by the Foliabout team indicated the volume of documents and propagands.
- The method of release followed this teneral caltern. All members of the team sifting documents were instructed to pass all documents that might be exploitable to the call officer. The acceptable documents were photostated or a totaled to appropriate captions or stories were written in a light are trained lated into Spanish. The document was attracted to a form processelease sheet and addressed to the newspapers in the most logical for the publication, or to all newspapers, if the document was of sufficient interest. The complete package was



then sent by messenger to the proper newspaper office, or mailed directly. Other documents were prepared in the seme manner and given to the Minister of Propaganda, to be handed outlinus series of press conferences, or to be doled out to individual reporters from his office. All such documents, of course; were approved by the local members of the Comite prior to their release.

The second local method was through a short, documentary-style film produced by the Comite. This film was completely produced by the PBHISTORY KUGOWN officer. Six minutes in length, it contained appropriate titles, musical background and narration by the three announcers of "Radio Liberation". The basic cost of the film was met by the Comite, although the more expensive item of sufficient copies was taken care of by FBRISHERY.

The film, "Despues Descubrines La Verdad" ("Later we Discover the Truth") was shown, and is still showing, in the theaters of Guatemala City, rotating from one theater to another so that all Will sooner or later show it. Once it has made its round of the capital, it is scheduled to be sent to the previnces, so that eventually it will be shown in every theater in the Republic. One copy of the film was utilized by the Minister of Propagance for private showings, Lake a copy was sent to 45/A in work where 48 arms have light marked Sound to Sound transfer distribution Radio, of course, was considered an unsuitable modia for stories

based on documentary evidence, and as a result, radio propaganda was limited to the "news" angle as repeated by commentators.

A display window in downtown Guatemala City was used to offer the public a display of Communist propagands.

International, especially Latin American coverage, was attempted through two press conferences of (matemalan representatives of the various news services, the first when they were given a press release prepared by PDHISTORY, and the second, when they were given a series of the heretofore exclusive and important documents (For results, see below).

PBHISTORY released "Gray Book" documents in a manner that they could be properly revealed in the United States by Senator Kersten. The Associated Fress carried a story on his disclosures.

Individual releases, or individual "exclusive" documents, were prepared for visiting correspondents and local representatives of foreign newspapers.

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Through the cooperation of USIA, plastic matrixes of PBHISTORY photographs were made These were attached to a lengthy press release on the work of the Comite and the description of some of the documents uncovered. PBHISTORY prepared these, even to the point of addressing the individual air mail envelopes, and handed these over to the Minister of Propaganda to be sent to ninety(90) principal newspapers throughout Latin America. Copies also went to Madrid, Rome, Paris, etcetera, and Spanish language newspapers in the United States. English versions were mailed to several important newspapers in the United States and in England.

PBHISTORY originated the project in the Ministry of Propaganda of sending a two-man team through Latin America to publicize the true situation. After considerable delay and political wrangling, the team left. They carried with them a copy of PBHISTORY film, and propaganda kits composed of photostatic copies of documents, examples of Soviet propaganda sent to Guatemala, and atrocity photographs.

PBHISTORY furnished the local propaganda authorities a constant supply of propaganda kits and document reproductions to be given out to visiting newspapermen and officials.

When Congressman Hillings visited this country, he was supplied with propaganda kits, photographs, and a special six-page "report" from the Comite outlining its activities and its viewpoints of Communist penetration, as learned from analysis of the documents.

PBHISTORY arranged with the Minister of Propaganda to extend invitations to newsmen from neighboring republics to visit Guatemala, and for a certain number to be sent from the country. PBHISTORY documentation was used to implement the reports of these newspapermen.

Local officers of USIA were provided with some fifty (50) reproduced documents for immediate forwarding to their headquarters and ultimate use throughout the regular USIA channels to Latin America.

A copy of the PBHISTORY film was sent, along with the original negative, to USIA Headquarters so that appropriate scenes could be immediately released to commercial newsreel companies servicing the Latin market.

An NBC television cameraman was given the opportunity of filming the Comite's activity.



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In some instances the press releases sent to various countries contained an addendum prepared by PBHISTORY to make the story hotter for publication. For example, the regular release for Chile was augmented by a description of correspondence between Chilean and Guatemalan Communists.

PBHISTORY supplied as many appropriate documents as could be uncovered to SKIMMER for possible inclusion in a white paper.

Summaries of PBHISTORY releases printed locally were supplied to the USIA Latin American wire services.

III. Results and Analysis

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a. Results of the firm propaganda objective ("to indicate to the people of Guatemala the extent of Communist penetration") were highly satisfactory. Press coverage was extensive. It was noted, however, that editors made little embellishment of even the most provocative documents, unless suggestions, captions or stories written by the propaganda officer went with the photostatic copy. When any document was accompanied by an explanatory story, the entire text was invariably used. All "general" photographs —— of the stacks of documents and propaganda, etc. —— were published.

The PBHISTORY film made a visible impression on viewers, and was applauded heavily by audiences.

There is no doubt that the people of Guatemala were informed satisfactorily as to the graphic and documentary proof uncovered by the Comite.

b. Results of obtaining placement of newspaper stories in the world press regularly by PBHISTORY were unsatisfactory. This was due to the fact that only one international news service (Reuters) carried the initial press release after it was given to them in a press conference by the Minister of Propaganda. They felt the story was not "spot" news, and consequently did not value it to the point of cable traffic.

Plans for a PBHISTORY staged "raid" on Comite headquarters by "Communits trying to destroy the papers which would implicate them" were abandoned when it was found that too many indigenous persons would have to be in the act. Such an operation would have undoubtedly hit the international cable services, but was too risky considering all factors.

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Coverage to Latin America on the USIS wire service, of course, was extensive. Anti-Communist declarations of Rodriguez Beteta, a PBHISTOPY delegate, in Santiago, Chile, received nice play on the United Press circuit. Visiting newsmen included PBHISTOPY angles in their stories to home newspapers. "Vision" magazine carried a story on the Comite, almost word for word as it was prepared for the correspondent by PBHISTOPY through the Comite.

Several Guatemalan diplomats leaving for new Latin American posts were supplied with PBHISTORY prepaganda kits, as well as groups of visiting editors from the U.S.

Press releases accompanied by plastic matrixes were sent to newspapers throughout America

The PBHISTORY commercial newsreel film shots have been made in 48 cepies through USIA facilities and are being distributed to all WH countries. The National Broadcasting Company used shots of PBHISTORY on its coast-to-coast facilities 14 August.

Results of the third objective ("to create a position of importance for the Cemite") were considered eminently satisfactory. In all releases it was stressed that the Cemite not only was chasing Communits, but was also looking for the documentation that would reward valiant anti-Communists. It was also emphasized that the Cemite was working on the record of Red penetration for the benefit of future threats in the Americas, etc.

There is no doubt that the Comite is now a well-known entity in Guatemalan life.

Summary: Three factors retarded prepaganda action. (1) That less explosive documentation than was expected was found; (2) lack of an action arm and lack of dependability of indigenous persons belonging to the Comite; and (3) the fact that the Comite became a political football ----- members of the Comite were reluctant to aid CASTILLO too much. and CASTILLO was leary of the potential power of the Comite, and thus did not give it his full support.

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Even so, the general EUCCWN results of the project were satisfactory and undoubtedly worth the expenditure of funds and time spent.

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Conceptos Básicos de Organización y Operación para

El Comité de Defensa Nacional Contra el Comunismo

El Comité será una organización de inteligencia completamente separada; cuya función principal es proteger al pueblo del Comunismo local e internacional y de elementos subversivos. El jefe de esta organización será responsable de sus actividades solo al presidente de la República. El Comité ocordinará sus actividades muy de cerca con las de la Fuersa Armada 0-2 y las de la Policía Secreta, para saí tener beneficio completo de la información que esas organisaciones puedan desarrollar en el curso de sus actividades normales. Estas organizaciones de ahora en adelante cesarán cualquier operación de inteligencia contra el Comunismo, con excepción de un contra espionage dentre de sus mismas filas. El Comité por su parte limitará sus actividades de inteligencia a cosas promovidas por los comunistas o grupos de similares. No reemplazará no superpondrá su autoridad sobre la Policía Secreta o Las Fuerzas Armadac 6-2; pero sí hará disponible e ellos informaciónes acerca de las actividades comunistas descubiertas por este Comité y que segn de interés para los mismos.

El Comité en sus operaciones iniciales limitará sus actividades a Guatemala, y será organizado en sonas geográficas para facilizar dichas actividades. Sin embargo, se prevé la necesidad que el Comité en el futuvo creará una sección internacional, especialmente interesada en personalidades Comunistas, eventos y movimientos que tienen implicaciones directas o alguna relación con las cercanas repúblicas de Centro Amériba. Debido a la pequeñez de los países de Centro América y de las facilidades de movimientos de parte de los comunistas estas actividades internacionales del Comité son consideradas como esenciales.

Dichas actividades principiaran cuando haya personal entrenado.

comunistas, pero suministrará su evidencia a los tribunales de Justicia, donde decidarán la culpabilidad de los supuestos comunistas. El Comité recomendará, sin embargo, al Presidente que camos concernientes a los comunistas deberán tener leyes especiales para asegurar su pronte y legal resolución. Dar poderes al Comité con la autoridad de juzgar, sería violar su principio de solo ser un grupo de investiguciones y en corto plazo sería un objetivo de ataque, ya que no se prestaría a un régimen democrático.

El personal elegido por el Comité será minuciosamente examinado e investigado y cuendo el tiempo lo permita entrenado profesionalmente para así formar un cuerpo de oficiales de suma responsabilidad con quien la cindadanía Guatemalteca esté desessa de cooperar y respetar.

peraciones confidenciales del Comité necesariamente deber'an venir de los presupuestos Confidenciales y Fjecutivos del Fresidente. Ho usí los gastos generales de empleados y mantenimiento que pasaron al presupuesto general de la nación. Sin embargo, uma somisión especialmente escogida de tres hombres mombrados por el Presidente, serán Tos encargados de estudiar el presupuesto general del Comité el ser éste sometido anualmente. Aunque asumtos confidenciales y actividades del Comité no serán reveladas; cosas como salarios oficiales y gastos generales y sumas de operación serán debidamente examinados. Esta inspección hará mucho por eliminar crítica indebido al Comité por gastar fondos sin los controles comummente puestos sobre todos los otros ministerios y agencias del govierno.

De gran importancia es el hecho que el espíritu del Comité debe ser en todo tiempo apolítico. Debe esformarse tan pronto como sea posible para en todo tiempo apolítico. Debe esformarse tan pronto como sea posible para

político usado para crear o mantener individuos inescrupologos. Podos incidentos que personas y agrupaciones políticos hagan por incomento al Comité en actividades políticas serán reportados de inmediato al josactivo para que se les apliquen las sanciones o amonestaciones dal caso. Pe fundamental cor la misma existencia del Comité su apoliticidad recomocida por -- Los Jeñes del Comité -- El Jefe Supramo -- y por todos los mismbros del Goriarmo y otros lideres Políticos.

Para llenar su misión de proteger al puedlo de Guatemala del laconismo y otras fuerzas subversivas, el Comitó deba desarrollar tan rapidamente como sea posible sus recursos de información dentro de las que serán Organizaciones Campesinas, Sindicatos y Partidos Políticos. Tembién se harán penetraciones en el sistema educativo y en todos los ministerios del Gobierno y agencias afficiadas a éste. Se harán también penetraciones en grandes companías privades importantes a la economía de la mación. Estos objetivos aunque som obviamente importantes, fueron esencialmente los mismos grupos que los Comunistas habían pervertido con mayor éxito y donde se puede contemplar que ellos trataríam de entrar de nuevo.

Para llevar a cabo estas penetraciones, el Comité organizará redes de agentes quienes por su profesión y origen estarán más apropiados para su asignación particular. También se tentará descubrir conscidos Comunistas o simpatizadores aquí o en el exilio.

Para llevar a cabo dichos programar, es obvie esperar que sin expariencia de parte de los mismos oficiales del Comité, la reclutación con éxito será un trabajo muy delicado y minucioso si so quiere hacer correctamente. La tendencia a reclutar rapidamente deberá ser suprimida. Y si el Comité después de un período de tiempo espera tener éxito en estas operaciones, deberá poner especial cuidado en la selección de sus oficiales, para opoder exigir en

eficiencia. El chequeo del origen y el entrenamiento radimentario de eri lacrer lugar entes de que a un oficial del Comitá la sea entregada la responsabilidad de a su vez reclutar agentes para el Comitá. La pequeñes del país hará demandas no usuales a los oficiales del Comitá, quienca en muchos casos podríac ser objetivos de ridículo, dudas y ataque público. Cin embargo, el prado de inteligencia, preparación escolástica y corage personal de los elegidos como oficiales del Comitá convencerán efectivamente a la gente de Cuatemala de lo seriedad del trabajo del Comitá. Ciertamente el propósito de su trabajo anti-comunista es vital más que cualquier otro trabajo público hecho por un oficial público en el país.

Como concebido el Comitá será organizado en una manera clásica común a todas las buenas agencias extrangeras de inteligencia. El principio de las responsabilidades geográficas será claramente definida y los administradores centrales ayudarán a los encargados de las sonas geográficas. El mismo Comité quedará tan centralizado como sea posible para conservar el apoyo del ersonal y administración. Específicamente todas sus oficinas estarán en un edificio aunque que oficiales sean asignados a departamentos fuera de la ciudad de Guatemana.

Como operación típica del caso la siguiento hipótesis de Historia puede sor un ejemplo: En Enero de 55 un candidato a las investigaciones oficiales del Comité es abordado por un oficial de dicho Comité. Después de 30-60 días de un chequeo completo, entrevistas, exémens físicos y mentales y de lesitud, el candidato es aceptado. Durante los siguientes 60-90 días se le da entrenamiento básico. Durante el período, él es asignado (por el propósito de demostración) a la sección mimero uno de la División de la Ciudad de Customala. Su primer tarea es conseguir una penátración en un sindicato de profesores anteriormente dominado por los comunistas. Sa le da dicha asignación porque anteriormente

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el sindicato. El nuevo oficial con su entrensmiento y experiencia pasada, dentre de un corto período es capas de hacer contacto con Fulano de Tel, una persona de conocida responsabilidad, que tiene la confianza de los antiguos profesores Comunistas que están secretamente en contacto con Rafael Tischler y quienes están anciosos de crear de nuevo dominación Comunista en el sindicato de maestros ya con otro nomere.

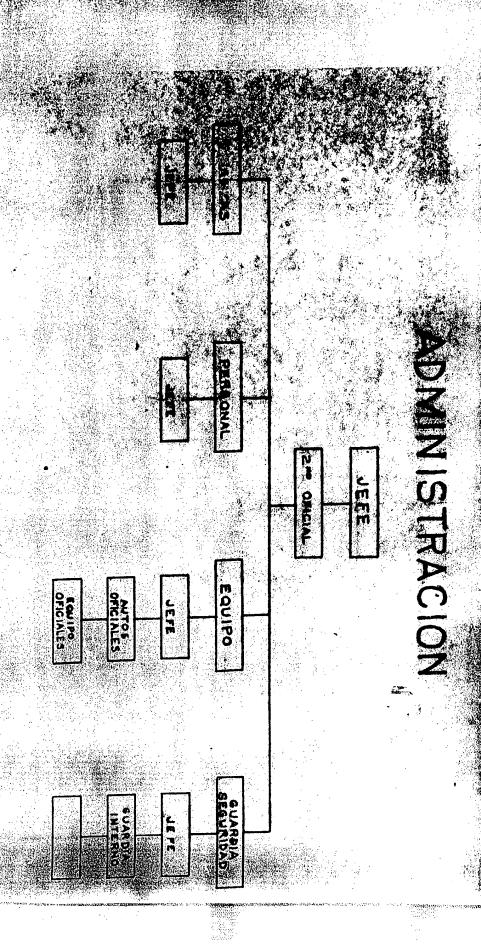
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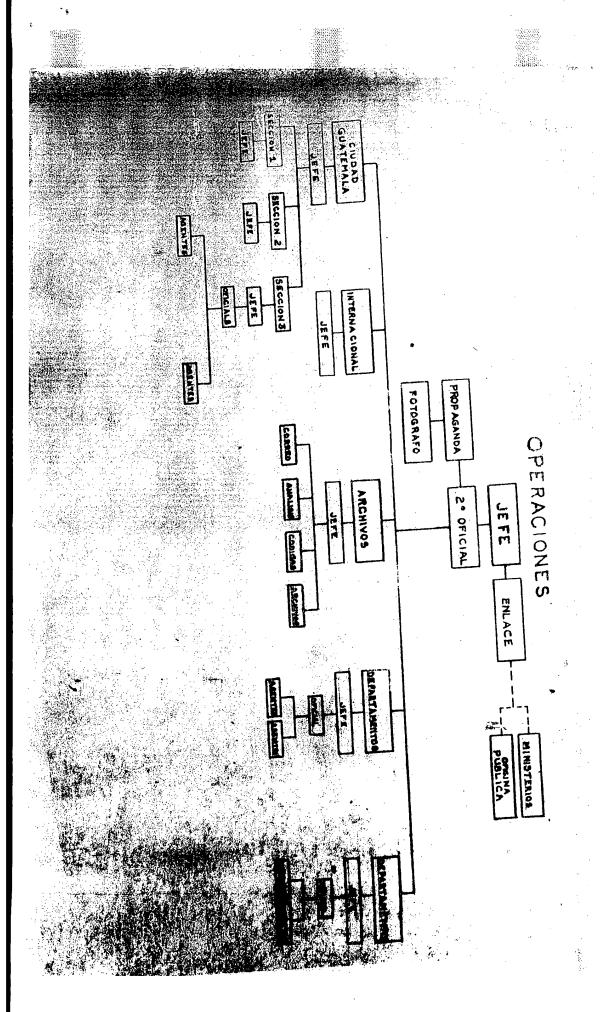
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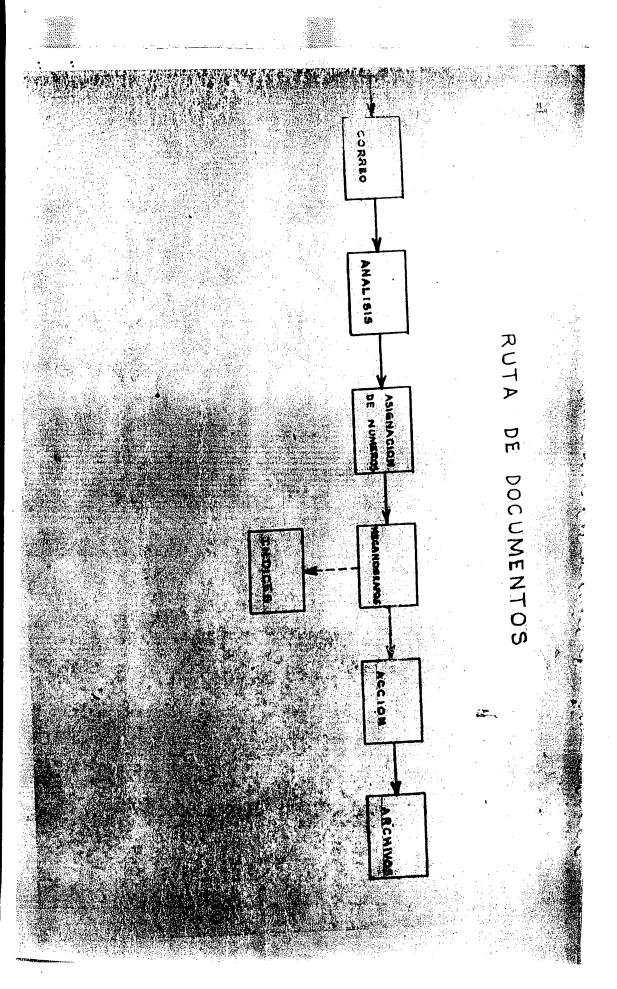
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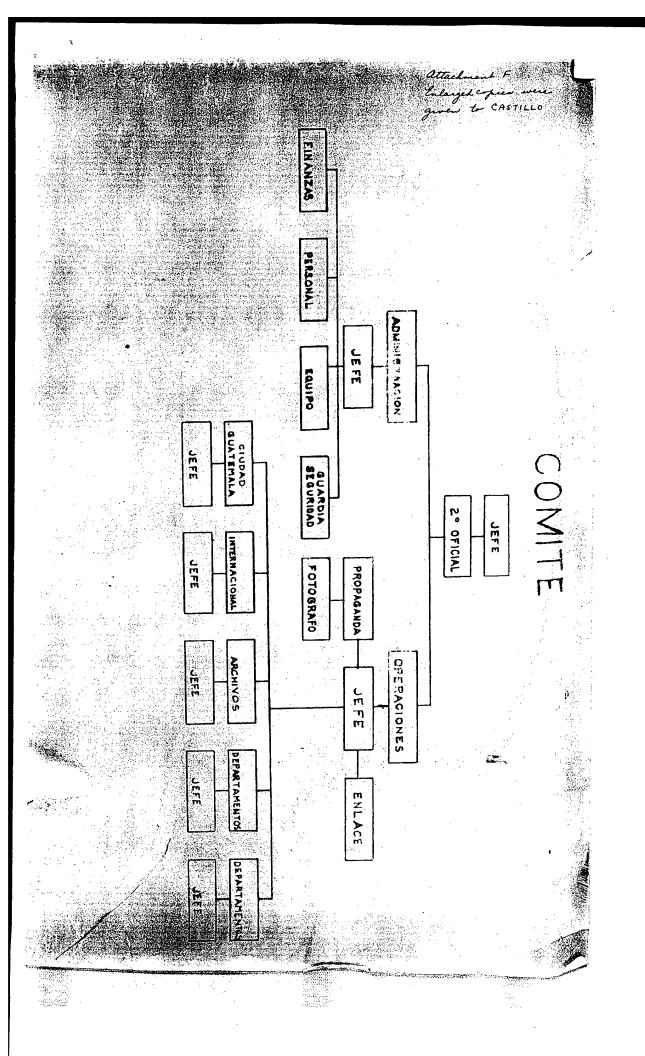


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